GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7321
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PENDING COURT CASES
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is any proposal to maintain a computerised record of all the pending cases in all the High Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to monitor the pendency of cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has issued various directions to clear the backlog which are pending for a long time; and (g) if so, the outcome of such directions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) :

(a) and (b) All High Courts are maintaining computerised records of pending cases, and this data is being used for generation of cause lists, preparation of judgment and orders, caveat matching, notice generation and also for dissemination of information to the litigant public on internet.

(c) Does not arise.

(d)and (e) Pendency of cases relates to the substantive functioning of judiciary. However the Central Government has been receiving periodical Quarterly Reports of High Courts and Half Yearly Reports of Subordinate Courts on institution, disposal and pendency of cases.

(f) and (g) Government and judiciary are both concerned with the huge pendency of cases. Various measures have been taken in this regard. The Central Government has approved allocation of Rs. 384.53 crore for computerization in the subordinate judiciary for fast and efficient management of court process.

Further, the Government has extended the term of 1562 Fast Track Courts for a period of five years i.e. upto 31.3.2010 with provision of Rs. 509 crores as 100% central funding.